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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **USE OF SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE EXPANSION OF
THE NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF
LONG BEACH**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) intends to enter into a sole source contract with the City of Long Beach Health and Human Services to expand Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) services within the City's jurisdiction using Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding from the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

BACKGROUND

Since 2000, DPH has subcontracted with the City of Long Beach to provide a PHN to participate in NFP. Past data and client outcomes recorded for the City of Long Beach NFP nurse mirror those achieved by the NFP-L.A nursing group that include a significant reduction in preterm and low birth weight births, reduced alcohol, marijuana and other drugs during pregnancy, a decrease in physical abuse and fear of partner, and improved health activities, such as breast feeding and keeping prenatal visits.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To continue this work, DPH has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DMH to receive funding to expand NFP services to high-risk stressed families and other high-risk pregnant youth in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 1, 4, 6 and 8, and countywide for the deaf and hard of hearing. In order to fully serve SPA 8, it is necessary to fund one public health nurse (PHN) in the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services.

Under this proposed agreement, the City of Long Beach Health and Human Services will continue providing NFP services to their City in accordance to NFP model protocols and focusing on the previously mentioned target populations. The PHN will carry a caseload of 25 clients. The City will maintain sole responsibility for the hiring, daily supervision, and administrative oversight for the NFP PHN.

JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTING

The City of Long Beach maintains its' own public health system and has participated with the DPH NFP program since 2000 by hiring their own public health nurses (PHNs) to perform NFP home visits. The PHN has been trained and certified in the NFP model protocols and has a current, active caseload of clients. The City of Long Beach does not allow Los Angeles County PHNs to provide services within their City's jurisdiction, and there is no other agency in Long Beach that has a trained NFP PHN who can do these services.

Funding for this Agreement will be for the total maximum obligation of \$572,510 for a period of five years from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
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